IN RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION * BEFORE THE

AND ZONING VARIANCE

C/L Gaither Road, 413 ft. SWly * ZONING COMMISSIONER

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3300 Gaither Road * OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

2nd Election District

2nd Councilmanic District * Case No. 95-479-XA

Board of Child Care of Balto.-Wash. Conference of United Methodist *

Church, Inc., Petitioner

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Zoning Commissioner on Petitions for Special Exception and Zoning Variance for the property located at 3300 Gaither Road in western Baltimore County. The Petitions are filed by the Board of Child Care of the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church, Inc. (hereinafter called the "Board"), a body corporate, by Thomas L. Curcio, Executive Director. The Board is and has been owner of the subject site for many years. Special Exception relief is requested for approval of a community care center in a D.R.5.5 zone, in accordance with Section 1B01.1.C.(6a) of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (BCZR), and a variance from R.T.A. standards in accordance with Section 1B01.1.B.c(2) of the BCZR. Variance relief is also requested from Sections 1B01.2.C.1.A and 102.2 of the BCZR to allow a building to building setback of no less than 15 ft., in lieu of the required 60 ft., in certain portions of the property, and no less than 30 ft. in lieu of the required 40 ft. in other parts of the site. All of the relief requested is more particularly shown on Petitioner's Exhibit No. 1, the site plan to accompany the Petitions for Special Exception and Variance.

Appearing at the requisite public hearing held for this case was Fran Boyer on behalf of the Board. Also present was Robert S. Rosenfelt, P.E., of Colbert, Matz, Rosenfelt, Inc., the engineers who prepared the site



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plan. Thomas Kerns, an Architect who prepared many of the elevation drawings also appeared and testified. The Petitioner was represented by Duncan Cornell, Esquire. There were no Protestants or other interested persons present.

Testimony and evidence offered on behalf of the Petitioner was that the subject site is approximately 18.8055 acres in area and is zoned D.R.5.5. The property lies at the end of Gaither Road, not far from Liberty Road, (Md. Route 26) and its junction with the Baltimore Beltway (I-695).

Apparently, the site has been owned by the Board for many years. The property was developed in the early 1960s to provide a facility for neglected, abused and homeless children. Six separate cottages were originally constructed for this purpose. The laudable history and mission of the Board of Child Care is well set forth in the opinion of Zoning Commissioner, J. Robert Haines, issued on May 19, 1989. At that time, Commissioner Haines, pursuant to a Petition for Special Hearing, found that the subject facility was a legal nonconforming use as a community building devoted to civic, social, recreational and educational purposes. The Petition for Special Exception was also granted at that time for a community care center.

The history of the facility was also testified to by Fran Boyer at the hearing before me. Ms. Boyer indicated that of the six cottages constructed, five housed children on a long term basis and one on a short term basis. The children who utilized the facility ranged between the ages of 10 to 18 years and approximately 14 children are housed in each cottage. The children are referred by the Department of Social Services to the Methodist Home. During their residence, counseling and psychiatric services are provided with a goal assisting children in need and re-unification of families.

In an effort to upgrade the facility, certain improvements are proposed to the site. These improvements were testified to by Robert Rosenfelt, the engineer who prepared the site plan. Mr. Rosenfelt indicated that a number of improvements are proposed. The existing gymnasium facility will be enlarged and a minor addition will also be added to the existing multi-purpose building. The major improvement will be a new administration building constructed at the end of a cul-de-sac on the driveway which enters the property from Gaither Road. This new administration building will allow the existing administrative offices to be re-located from other portions of the site and conversion of those spaces into classrooms. Moreover, two temporary trailers are proposed until such time as the permanent construction is completed. Porches are also being enlarged on the residential cottages.

Mr. Rosenfelt also testified as to the specific relief requested withthe Petitions. As to the Petition for Special Exception, he addressed each of the standards set forth in Section 502.1 of the BCZR and opined that the proposed use satisfied that criteria. In his opinion, the continued use and proposed improvements of the site will not be detrimental to the surrounding locale. He also noted that the R.T.A. standards from which a waiver is sought is generated by the athletic fields on the southern portion of the property. That is, most of the buildings are clustered on the north central portion of the site and a large open area to the south of the property is used for soccer/football fields, baseball/softball fields and tennis/basketball courts. The R.T.A. standard is generated by this use and not any specific building. It is clear that the buildings, themselves, are more than adequately buffered from surrounding properties. the variances, these are requested so as to cluster the buildings in a central location. Mr. Rosenfelt indicated that a campus-like atmosphere needs to

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be maintained and that strict adherence to the setback distances, as required by the BCZR, would disrupt the traffic pattern and architectural flow of the site. These comments were echoed by Mr. Kerns, who has prepared the site plans for the proposed improvements. He noted that the proposed buildings will be one story in height and will be compatible with the residential character of the cottages and campus. He desires to create a pedestrian style campus and retain much of the existing landscaping. In his view, the proposed additions are entirely appropriate and consistent with the present use of the site.

Based upon the testimony and evidence offered, I am persuaded that the Petition for Special Exception and Variance should be granted. This is surely a case of a needed facility which fits in well with the surrounding locale. The long history of the use of this site by the Board of Child Care and the absence of Protestants at the hearing before me attest to the quality of the operation of this facility. As to the special exception, it is clear that there will be no detrimental impact to the surrounding locale. It is to be noted that although the building area on the property will be incidental, the number of children will not increase, and the nature of the use of the site will not change. The Petition for Variance are also warranted in view of the uniqueness of the property, the desire to preserve open space and concentrate the physical plant/campus in the center of the community.

A final note is also in order about the Zoning Plans Advisory Committee (ZAC) comments which have been submitted. One comment in particular is of note which was received from Developers Engineering Division. That agency suggests that a 50 ft. right of way from Montford Road must be extended to the western property line of the site and that the right of way shall be constructed at no cost to the County. Testimony from Mr.

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Rosenfelt on this issue was enlightening. He indicated that the Board presently owns an adjacent tract and is under contract to purchase another adjacent property. Ultimately, if these tracks are acquired, the Petitioner's land holdings will be increased and the use may be expanded. In fact, it appears that the Petitioner has presently instituted a proceeding through the development process in order to obtain approval for these proposed acquisitions and further development.

The future of Montford Road appears to be an issue which should be resolved in the context of those development plan hearings. Apparently, many members of the surrounding residential community do not wish Montford Road to be extended. No one from the Department of Public Works/Developers Engineering Section appeared at the hearing before me to explain the rationale for the ZAC comment. Under the circumstances, I will defer this issue until the development plan comes before this office. The approval granted herein shall not be construed to, either provide an exception to, or mandate compliance with, the ZAC comment. Quite simply, this is an issue for another day when testimony from all interested persons can be received and evaluated.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on these Petitions held, and for the reasons given above, the relief requested should be granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a variance from Sections 1801.2.C.1.A and 102.2 of the BCZR to allow a building to building setback of no less than 15 ft., in lieu of the required 60 ft., in certain portions of the property, and no less than 30 ft., in lieu of the required 40 ft. in other parts of the site, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject, however, to the following restriction:

1. The Petitioner is hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at its own risk until such time as the 30 day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the Petitioner would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition.

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT

Zoning Commissioner for

Baltimore County

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Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning



Suite 112 Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-4386

August 8, 1995

Duncan Cornell, Esquire 408 Allegheny Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Petitions for Special Exception and Variance

Case No. 95-479-XA

Property: 3300 Gaither Road

Board of Child Care of the Balto./Wash. Conference of the

United Methodist Church, Inc., Petitioner

Dear Mr. Cornell:

Enclosed please find the decision rendered on the above captioned case. The Petitions for Special Exception and Zoning Variance have been granted, with restriction, in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event the decision rendered is unfavorable to any party, please be advised that any party may file an appeal within thirty (30) days of the date of the Order to the County Board of Appeals. If you require additional information concerning filing an appeal, please feel free to contact our Appeals Clerk at 887-3353.

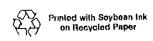
Very truly yours

Lawrence E. Schmidt Zoning Commissioner

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cc: Ms. Fran Boyer, Board of Child Care

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Petition for Special Exception

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

for the property located at

3300 GAITHER ROAD

which is presently zoned

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This Petition shall be filed with the Office of Zoning Administration & Development Management.

The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Special Exception under the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to use the herein described property for

A COMMUNITY CARE CENTER IN A DR 5.5 ZONE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 1B01.C(6a) OF THE BALTIMORE COUNTY ZONING REGULATIONS AND A VARIANCE FROM RTA STANDARDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SEC. 1B01.1.B.C.2 OF THE BALTIMORE COUNTY ZONING REGULATIONS.

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations.

I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Special Exception advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County.

	I/We do solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that I/we are the legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this Petition.
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of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the Zoning Law of Baltimore County; for the following reasons: (indicate hardship or practical difficulty)

NEW BUILDING MUST FIT IN AVAILABLE SPACE IN RELATION TO EXISTING BUILDINGS AND EXISTING ATHLETIC FACILITIES.

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations.

I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County.

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Room 118, Old Courthouse, 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204 as follows:

CASE NUMBER: 95-479-XA (Item 470)

3300 Gaither Road

c/l Gaither Road, 413' SWly Subit Road 2nd Election District - 2nd Councilmanic

Legal Owner(s): Board of Child Care of the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist

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HEARING: TUESDAY, JULY 25, 1995 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 118, Old Courthouse.

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LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT ZONING COMMISSIONER FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

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Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management



111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-3353

June 27, 1995

NOTICE OF HEARING

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Department of Permits and Development Management

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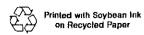
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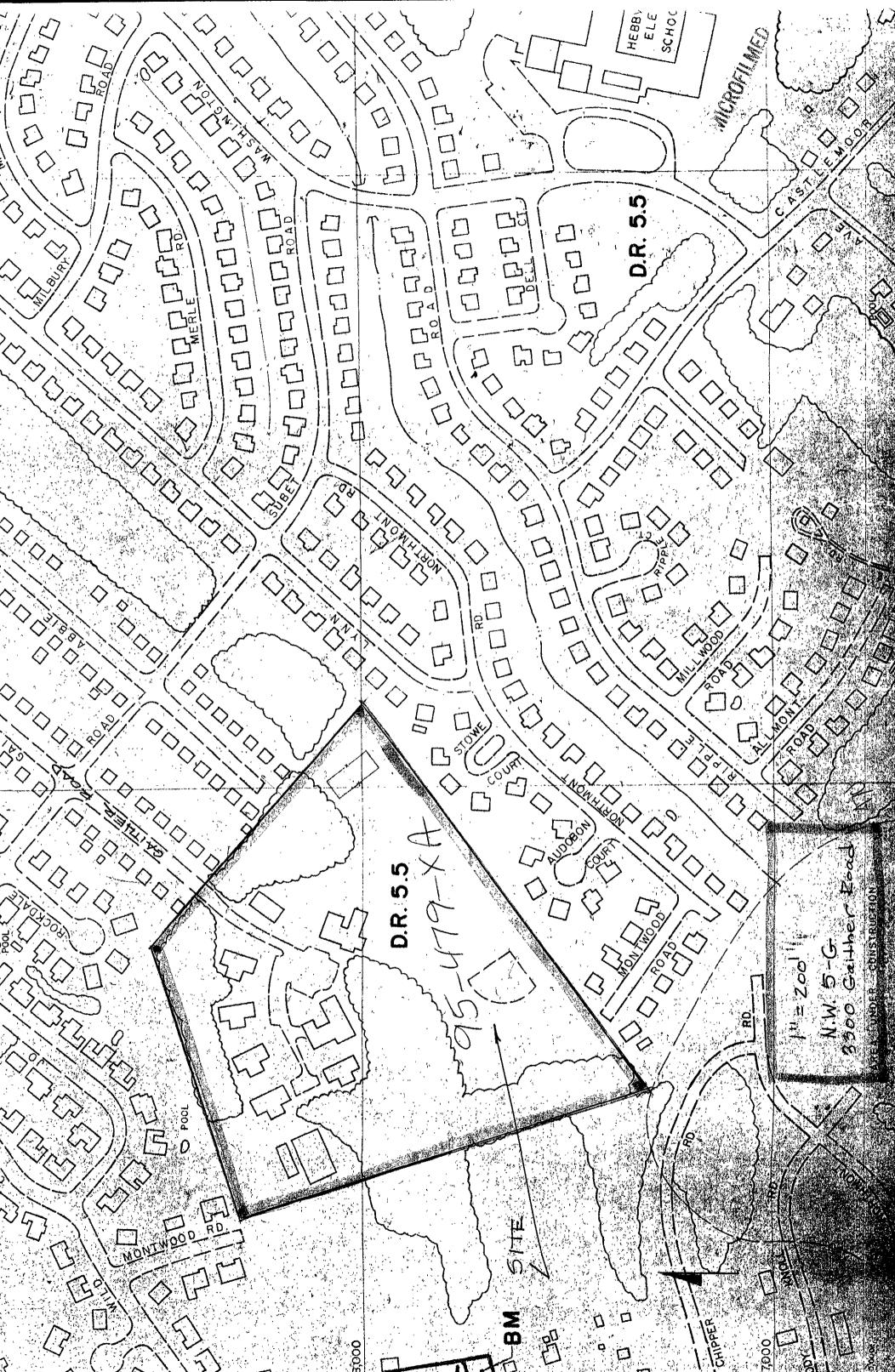
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111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

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July 18, 1995

Duncan Cornell, Esquire 408 Allegheny Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Item No.: 470

Case No.: 95-479-XA

Petitioner: Board of Child Care of The Baltimore-Washington

Conference of The United-Methodist

Church, Inc.

Dear Mr. Cornell:

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC), which consists of representatives from Baltimore County approval agencies, has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition, which was accepted for processing by Permits and Development Management (PDM), Zoning Review, on June 20, 1995.

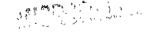
Any comments submitted thus far from the members of ZAC that offer or request information on your petition are attached. These comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties (zoning commissioner, attorney, petitioner, etc.) are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case. Only those comments that are informative will be forwarded to you; those that are not informative will be placed in the permanent case file.

If you need further information or have any questions regarding these comments, please do not hesitate to contact the commenting agency or Joyce Watson in the zoning office (887-3391).

. W Carl Richards, Jr.

Zoning Supervisor

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Attachment(s)





BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director DATE: July 11, 1995 Zoning Administration and Development Management

FROM: Development Plans Review

RE:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting for July 10, 1995 Item No. 470

The Development Plans Review Division has reviewed the subject zoning item. The 50-foot right-of-way for Montford Road must be extended to the western property line. This right-of-way shall be constructed at no cost to the County.

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

DATE: July 12, 1995

Zoning Administration and Development Management

FROM:

Pat Keller, Director

Office of Planning and Zoning

SUBJECT:

Petitions from Zoning Advisory Committee

The Office of Planning and Zoning has no comments on the following petition(s):

Item Nos. 450, (470) and 472

If there should be any further questions or if this office can provide additional information, please contact Jeffrey Long in the Office of Planning at 887-3480.

Prepared by:

Division Chief;

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

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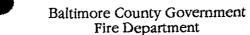
Zoning Advisory Committee Agenda: July 3, 1995

The Department of Environmental Protection & Resource Management has no comments for the following Zoning Advisory Committee Items:

Item #'s:

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700 East Joppa Road Suite 901 Towson, MD 21286-5500

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DATE: 07/03/95

Arnold Jablon
Director
Zoning Administration and
Development Management
Baltimore County Office Building
Towson, MD 21204
MAIL STOP-1105

RE: Property Owner: BOARD OF CHILD CARE OF THE BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH INC.

LOCATION: CENTERLINE GAITHER RD., 413' SWIY SUBIT RD. (3300 GAITHER RD.)

Item No.: (470)

Zoning Agenda: SPECIAL EXCEPTION/VARIANCE

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this Bureau and the comments below are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property.

- 4. The site shall be made to comply with all applicable parts of the Fire Prevention Code prior to occupancy or beginning of operation.
- 5. The buildings and structures existing or proposed on the site shall comply with all applicable requirements of the National Fire Protection Association Standard No. 101 "Life Safety Code", 1991 edition prior to occupancy.

REVIEWER: LT. ROBERT P. SAUERWALD

Fire Marshal Office, PHONE 887-4881, MS-1102F

cc: File

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Maryland De tment of Transportation State Highway Administration

Ms. Joyce Watson Zoning Administration and Development Management County Office Building Room 109 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

Rc:

Baltimore County
Item No.: 490 (CAM)

Dear Ms. Watson:

This office has reviewed the referenced item and we have no objection to approval as it does not access a State roadway and is not effected by any State Highway Administration project.

Please contact Bob Small at 410-333-1350 if you have any questions.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this item.

Very truly yours, ob Snall

Ronald Burns, Chief Engineering Access Permits

Division

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PETITION PROBLEMS AGENDA OF JULY 3, 1995

#469 --- JRA

- 1. Need title of person signing for legal owner.
- 2. Need address and telephone number for legal owner.
- 3. Need attorney.

#470 --- CAM

1. Receipt was not given to petitioner - still in folder.

#471 --- CAM

- 1. Need telephone number for legal owner.
- 2. Receipt was not given to petitioner still in folder.

#472 --- MJK

- 1. Need printed or typed title for person signing for legal owner.
- Need power of attorney for person signing for legal owner.
- Need printed or typed title for person signing for contract purchaser.
- 4. Need power of attorney for person signing for contract purchaser.
- 5. No location description on folder.

#475 --- JRA

1. Folder was not marked critical area.

#476 --- JLL

1. Need power of attorney for person signing for contract purchaser.

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ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

Please enter the appearance of the People's Counsel in the abovecaptioned matter. Notice should be sent of any hearing dates or other proceedings in this matter and of the passage of any preliminary or final Order.

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

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Deputy People's Counsel Room 47, Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204 (410) 887-2188

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 31 day of July, 1995, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Duncan Cornell, Esquire, 408 Allegheny Avenue, Towson, MD 21204, attorney for Petitioners.

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN

Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning



August 1, 1995

Suite 112 Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-4386

Honorable Delores G. Kelley Senator, 10th Legislative District 6660 Security Boulevard, Suite 10 Baltimore, Maryland 21207

> Re: Case No. 95-479-XA Board of Child Care

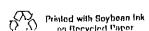
Dear Senator Kelley:

Thank you for your letter of July 6, 1995.

On July 25, 1995, I conducted a hearing on Petitions for Special Exception and Variance for the property located at 3300 Gaither Road. These Petitions were filed by the Board of Child Care of Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church, Inc. Testimony and evidence taken at that hearing disclosed that the Petitions related to property owned by the Board of Child Care since the early 1960s. The parcel of land involved is approximately 19 acres in area and is located at the end of Gaither Road not far from the interchange of I-695 and Liberty Road.

The Petitioner's plans submitted at that hearing showed that the site has been developed for many years with six residential cottages. These cottages provide residential facilities for abused and neglected children. Further testimony offered was that counseling and psychological services are available on site with the goal of unifying these children with their natural family.

The matter came before me because of the Board's plan to construct an administrative building and to make other improvements to several of the existing structures on site. Both the plan and testimony indicated that no additional residential cottages were proposed. The number of children residing on site would not be increased from the capacity previously established when the facility was founded over 30 years ago. Moreover, no one appeared in opposition to the Petitioner's plans to construct the new administration building and other improvements.



Honorable Delores G. Kelley Senator, 10th Legislative District 6660 Security Boulevard, Suite 10 Baltimore, Maryland 21207 page 2.....

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Based on the testimony, evidence and plan offered in this case, there appears no cause for your concern over "the installation of back to back group housing developments."

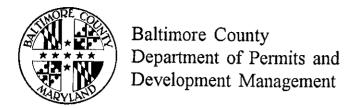
Perhaps your concerns arise from the Board's possible acquisition of adjacent properties. During the hearing before me, it was indicated that the Board was contemplating acquiring two additional parcels which are located adjacent to the subject site. If these parcels are ultimately acquired and development is contemplated, the Board would be required to submit to the development review procedures of Baltimore County. These procedures include a requirement that a community input meeting be conducted. This meeting would be held within the subject community, during evening hours, allowing all affected residents and interested parties to question the plan and record any objections thereto. Following that meeting, the matter would be scheduled for a public hearing before the Zoning Commissioner, wherein approval of the plan would be considered. The development process encourages community participation at all stages so that the plan can be fairly considered. As I indicated at the July 25, 1995 hearing to all present, any decision rendered in that case would relate only to the subject request and that questions regarding the adjacent parcels were not, as yet, properly before me.

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me regarding this matter.

Very truly yours

Lawrence E. Schmidt

Zoning Commissioner



Development Processing County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

January 17, 1996

Judith M. Floam Colbert Matz Rosenfelt, Inc. 3723 Old Court Road Suite 206 Baltimore, MD 21208

RE: Spirit and Intent
Board of Child Care
Gaither Road Facility
Zoning Case #95-479-XA
2nd Election District

Dear Ms. Floam:

Mr. Schmidt and I reviewed the site plan enclosed with your letter dated December 28, 1995. It was determined that this plan is within the spirit and intent of the zoning order #95-479-XA. However, before this plan can be approved for submittal into the zoning file, some minor changes must be incorporated onto the plan.

I gave a copy of the check print to Mr. Matz on January 16, 1996. Please submit one revised copy to me with the check print. Enclosed please find your \$40.00 check, as it was determined it was not needed.

I trust that the information set forth in this letter is sufficiently detailed and responsive to the request. If you need further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (410) 887-3391.

Very truly yours,

Catherine A. Milton

Planner I

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c: Zoning Case #95-479-XA

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Colbert Matz Rosenfelt, Inc.

Civil Engineers · Surveyors · Planners

December 28, 1995

Mr. Arnold Jablon, Director Permits and Development Mgmt. Baltimore County 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 12/28/95 St.I 12/28/95 St.I neturn chickaddressed at DEC

Re: Board of Child Care, Gaither Road Facility Case No. 95-479-XA, "Spirit and Intent" Request Job No. 95086.1

Dear Mr. Jablon,

In July 1995, a hearing was held and on August 9, 1995, a Zoning Order was issued in the above-referenced case. The Order approved a Special Exception for a community care facility in a D.R.-5.5 zone, a variance from R.T.A. standards, and two building setback variances to permit the expansion of the existing facility of the Board of Child Care. The enclosed plan entitled "Amended Plan to Accompany Hearing for Special Exception and Variances" is the site plan approved in Case No. 45-479-XA. Kate Milton reviewed the petition plat in that zoning case.

Subsequent to the Hearing and Zoning Order, the Board of Child Care revised its expansion plans. The enclosed plan entitled "Preliminary Site Plan" shows the revised building configurations. This plan was submitted to the Development Review Committee, which approved it as a Limited Exemption on December 26, 1995.

We hereby request approval of this plan as being within the spirit and intent of the Order in Case No. 45-479-XA. There are no additional encroachments on the R.T.A. buffers and setbacks. The between-building setbacks are within the approved variances: a 15-foot setback was approved between the Classroom and Administration buildings and the proposed setback is \pm 27 feet; a 30-foot setback was approved between the Multi-purpose and Administration buildings and the proposed setback is 35 feet. The proposed addition at the rear of the Multi-purpose building is \pm 42 feet from the residential Cottage No. 5, and the required rear setback is 30 feet.

We look forward to your approval of this request.

Yours truly,

Judith M. Floam

cc: Elisa Kellett, AIA

Tom Curcio

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SENATOR DELORES G. KELLEY 10TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS COMMITTEE CHAIR, JOINT COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL RELATIONS

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6660 SECURITY BOULEVARD SUITE 10 BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21207 (410) 298-9707 (410) 298-2856 (FAX)

July 6, 1995

Mr. Larry Schmidt, Commissioner Office of Zoning Old Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204



Dear Mr. Schmidt:

I would like to express my concern with the installation of back-to-back group housing developments in District Ten. A specific example involves the Board of Child Care's plans to install a development consisting of seven cottages on Rolling Road. I support the Board's idea of providing homes for the teenagers, but am concerned with the concentration of these homes in one location.

If each of the seven proposed cottages were to house no more than three children, each legally separated from natural parents and devoid of a stable family, the aggregate results would be twenty-one special-needs children, introduced en mass to a new neighborhood and to a living arrangement under the supervision of rotating shifts of hired staff persons.

Each of these children would need to adjust to at least three daily sets of supervisors (a situation full of discontinuity and checks lacking the stability of even foster care), while at the same time needing to adjust to a neighborhood with schools already stressed and significantly over capacity.

The proposed living situations are the equivalent of mini-institutions, not regular home environments, and the over-concentration of such entities on one in the Hebbeville community is sure to have a devastating impact upon the character of the neighborhood.

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The proposal before you involves institutional living, not a home environment for the targeted population of children. Nothing, including creative use of definitions, can change that fact.

In light of all these considerations, I respectfully request that this project, if permitted at all, be reduced in scope so as not to overwhelm this small community, which has already absorbed a dormitory full of special-needs children also under the same institutional sponsorship.

Sincerely,

Nelder Y. Kelley Delores G. Kelley Colbert Matz Rosenfelt, Inc. Civil Engineers . Sur · Planners

March 24, 1997

Mr. Arnold Jablon, Director Permits and Development Mgmt. **Baltimore County** 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

Board of Child Care, Gaither Road Facility Case No. 95-479-XA, "Spirit and Intent" Request DRC No. 03037N

Job No. 95086.1

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Subsequent to the Hearing and Zoning Order, the Board of Child Care made several revisions to its expansion plans, which have been approved as Limited Exemption plans by the DRC and approved as within the Spirit and Intent of Case No. 95-479-XA.

The Board of Child Care would like to replace its six existing residential cottages with new buildings, add a seventh cottage and construct a small addition (480 square feet) to the multi-purpose building. After construction of the new residential cottages, the total number of children in residence on the site will decrease, from 80 to 70, because the new cottages are smaller than the ones they will replace. These changes were approved by the DRC as Limited Exemption on March 3, 1997.

There are no additional encroachments on the R.T.A. buffers and setbacks, the proposed changes meet all required building-to-building setbacks and there is adequate parking. We look forward to your approval of this request.

Judith M. Floam

Tom Curcio CC:

Duncan Cornell, Esq. Thomas L. Kerns, AIA

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Road, Sulte 206 Baltimore, Maryland 21208 (410) 653-3838 / Facsimile: (410) 653-7953

April 4, 1997

2nd Election District

Dear Ms. Floam:

The Zoning Commissioner has reviewed the file for case #95-479-XA. Based on the understanding that the statements of the above letter are true, the changes documented on the revised plan dated March 26, 1997 are approved as being within the spirit and intent of the case.

Very truly yours,

John R. Alexander

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AND SPECIAL EXCEPTION
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2nd Election District
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Board of Child Care of the Balto. Annual Conference of the Methodist Church, Inc. Petitioner

- * ZONING COMMISSIONER
- * OF BALTIMORE COUNTY
- * CASE # 89-356-SPHX

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FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Petitioner herein requested, pursuant to a Special Hearing, approval of a nonconforming use and the following additions to existing improvements at the Board of Child Care facility at 3300 Gaither Road and a Special Exception to use the herein described property for a Community Care Center and/or Community Building for existing improvements and additions, as more particularly described on Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

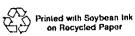
The Petitioner, represented by Duncan Cornell, Esquire, law Offices of Hooper, Kiefer and Cornell, appeared and testified. The Petitioner was supported in its testimony by Mr. Rosenfelt, a professional engineer, and Ms. Judith Rabb of Rosenfelt and Woolfolk, Inc., Mr. Claude Libis and Ms. Jeanne Dewey. There were no Protestants.

The evidence and testimony, all of which was uncontradicted, tends to establish that the subject property consists of approximately 21 acres of ground situated west of Liberty Road and north of the Baltimore Beltway in the greater Milford Mill section of Baltimore County. The property is located at the end of Gaither Road and is depicted on Petitioner's Exhibit 1. The property is currently zoned D.R.5.5 and is improved with six (6) cottages, a gymnasium, and various ancillary recreational facilities.



PETITIONER(S) SIGN-IN SHEET

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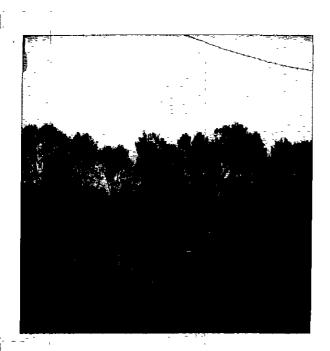


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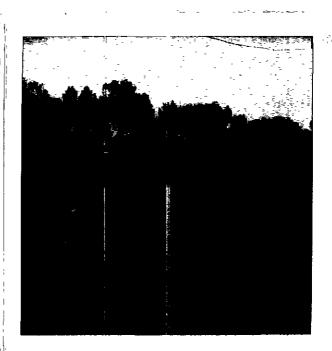
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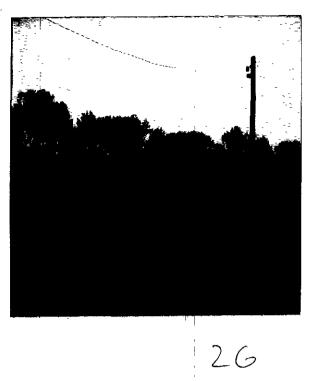


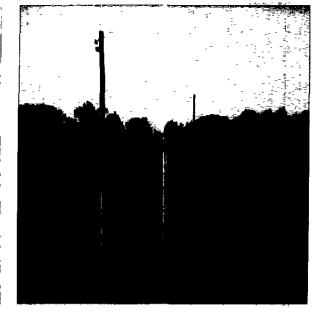




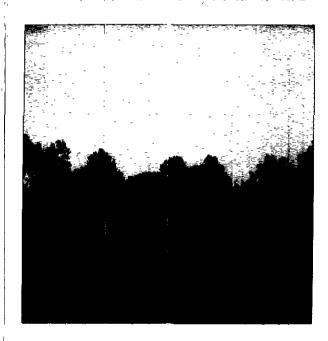


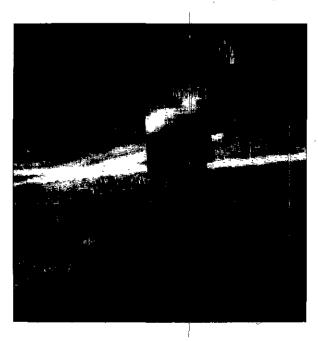


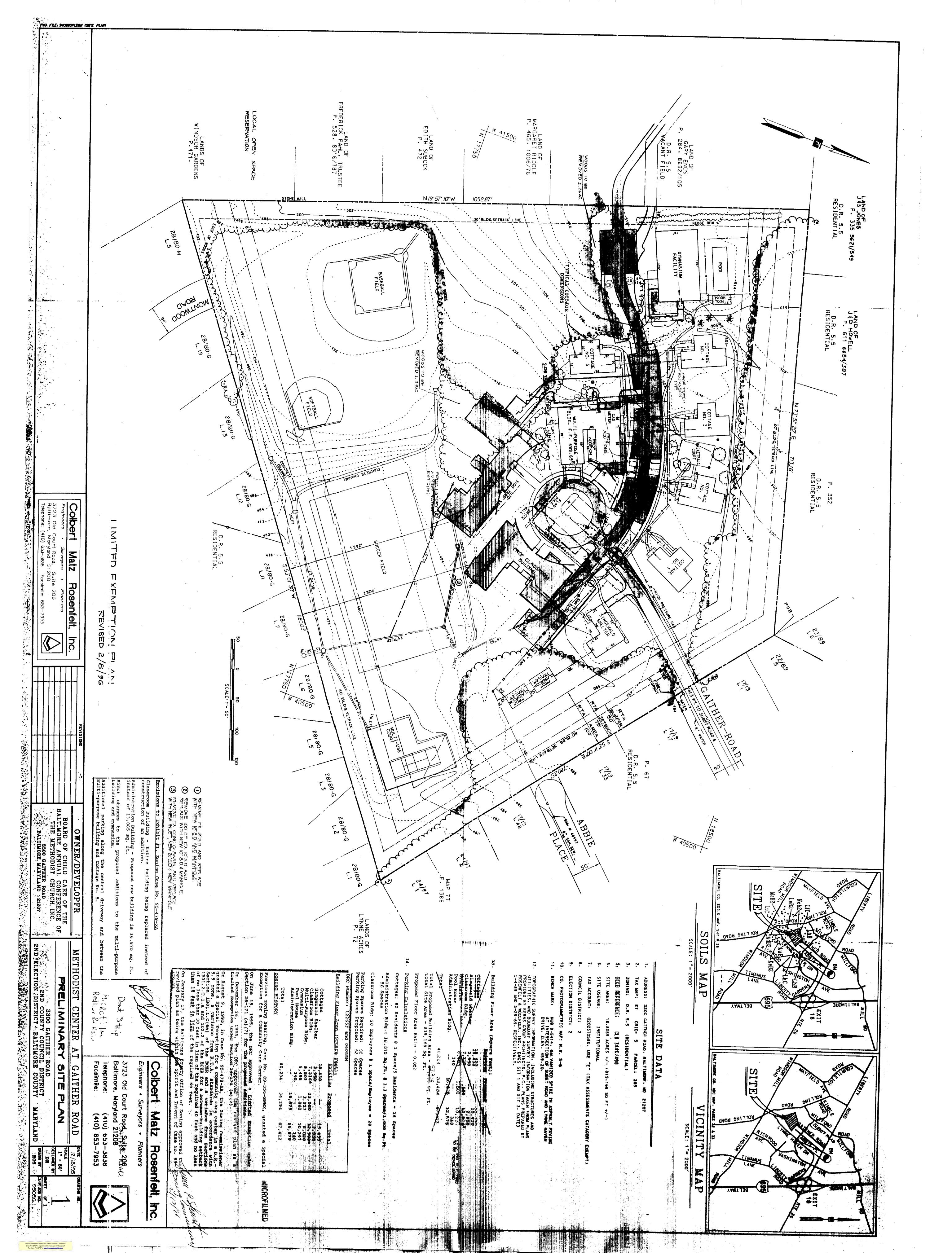


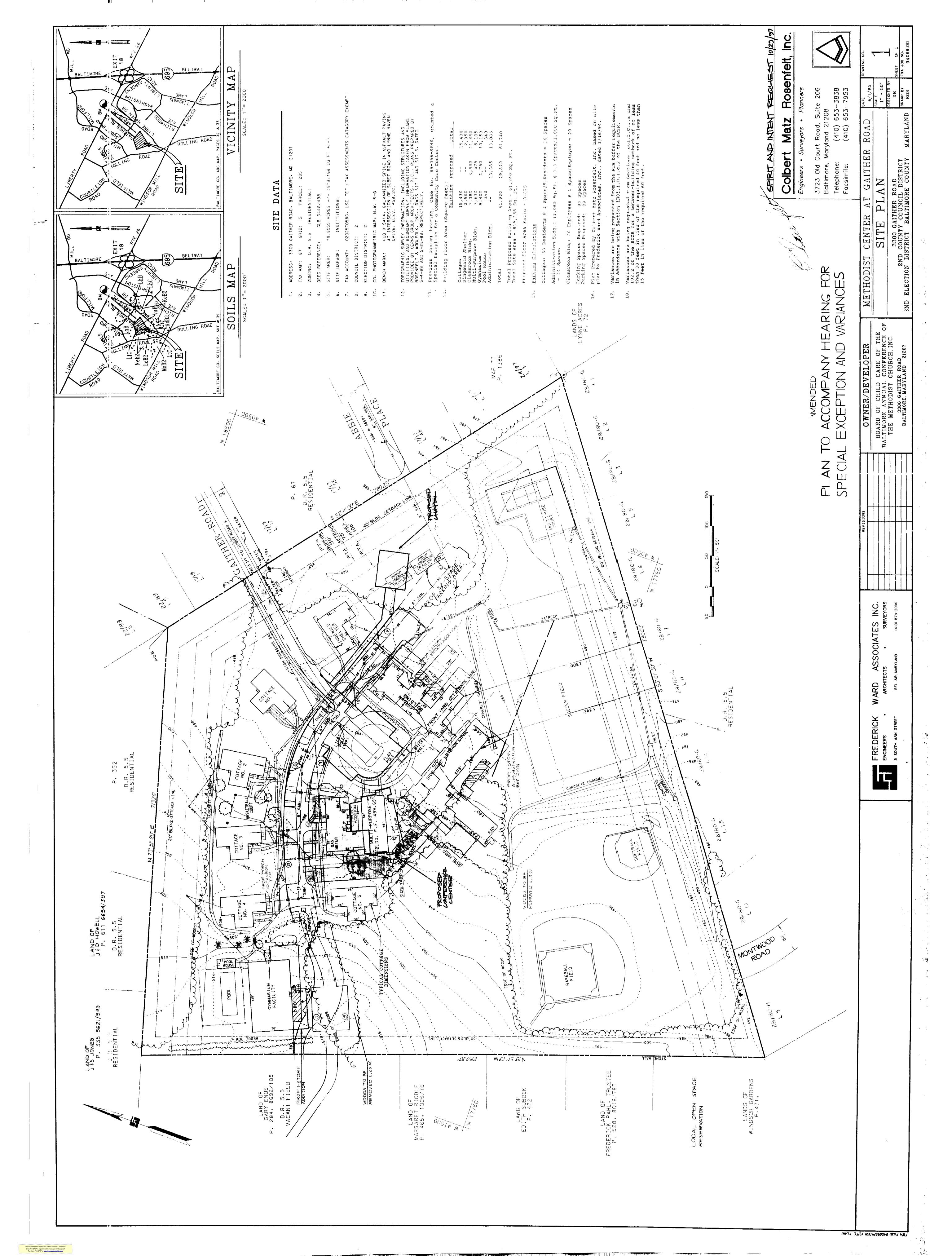


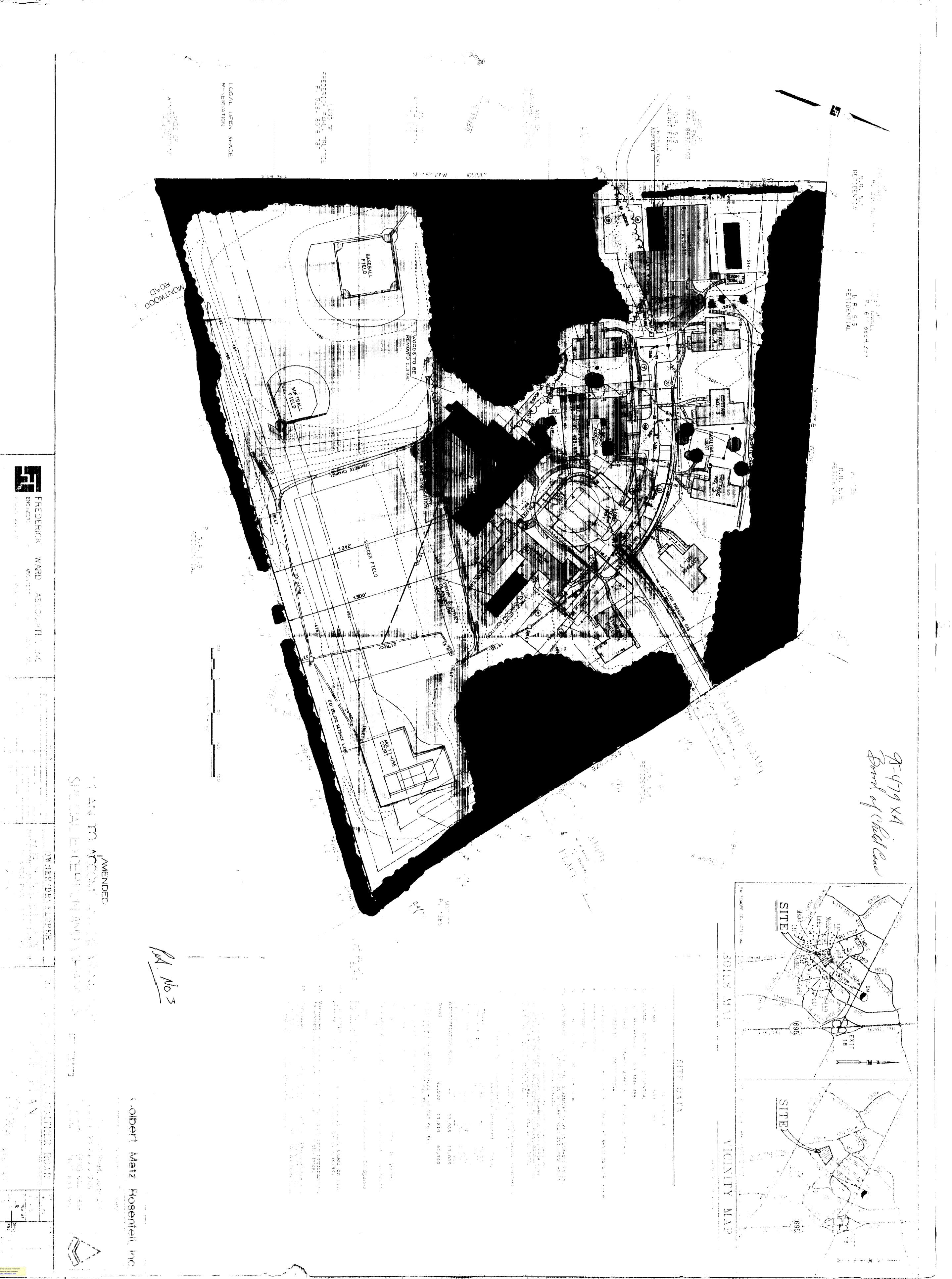


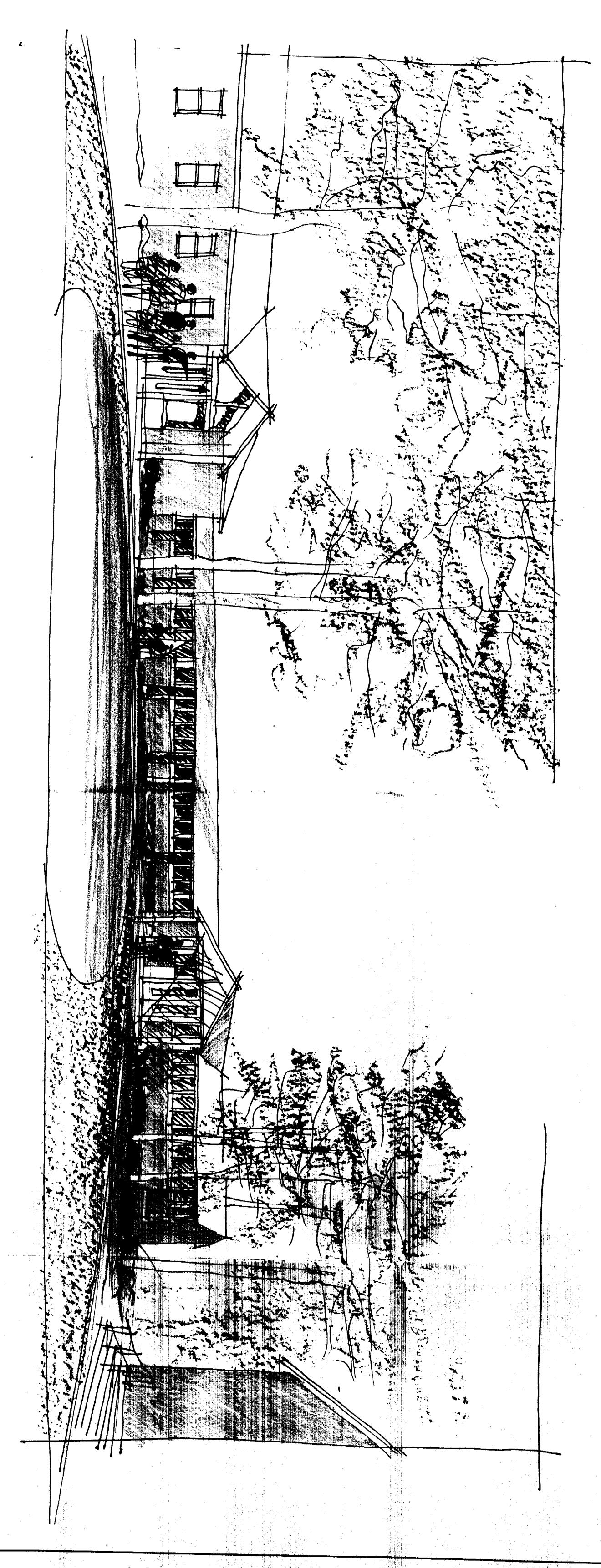












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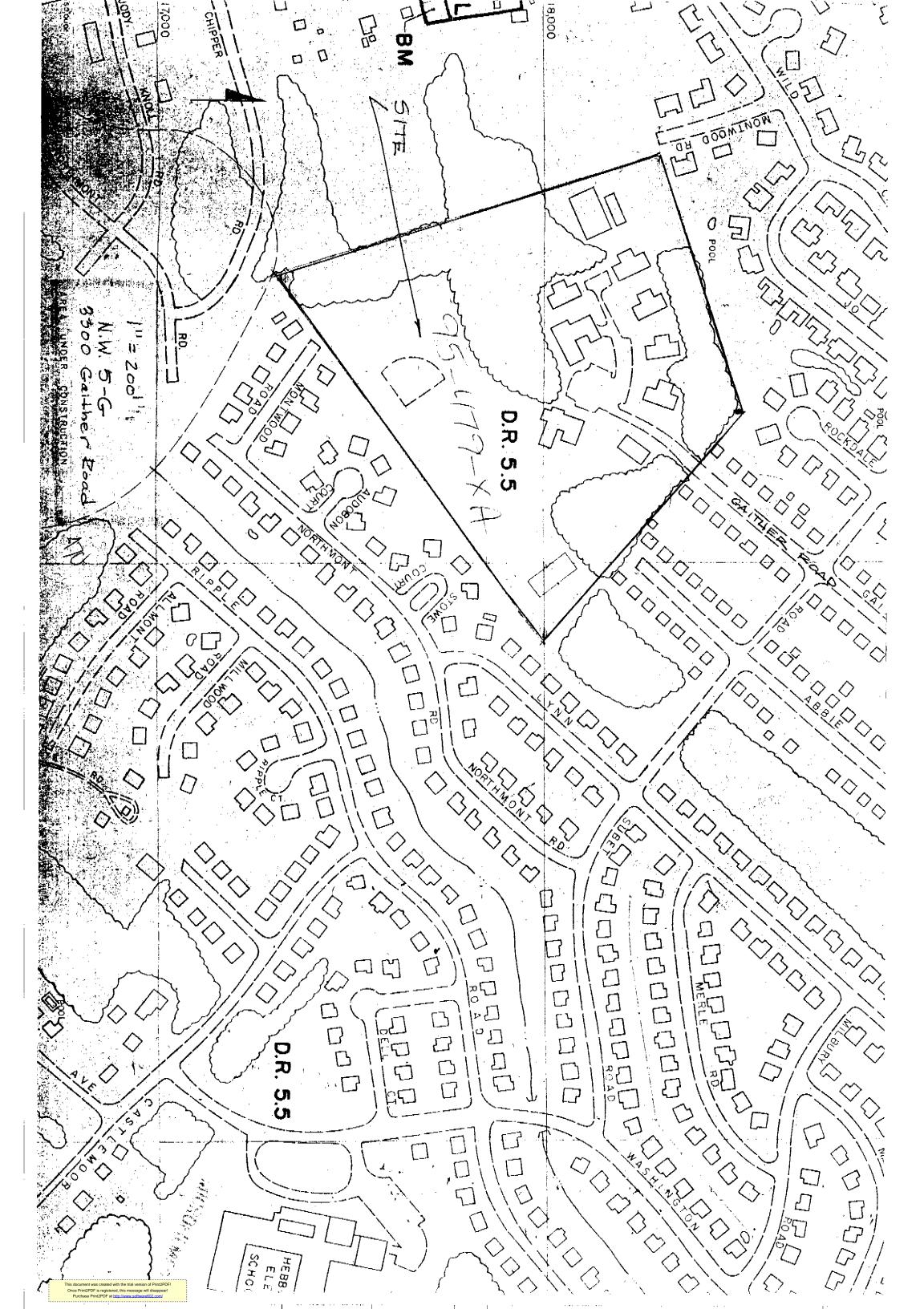
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KERNS GROUP ARCHITECTS, P.C. 3030 CLARENDON BOULEVARD, ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA 22201 SUITE 100 703 528-1150



IN RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION * BEFORE THE

AND ZONING VARIANCE

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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This matter comes before the Zoning Commissioner on Petitions for Special Exception and Zoning Variance for the property located at 3300 Gaither Road in western Baltimore County. The Petitions are filed by the Board of Child Care of the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church, Inc. (hereinafter called the "Board"), a body corporate, by Thomas L. Curcio, Executive Director. The Board is and has been owner of the subject site for many years. Special Exception relief is requested for approval of a community care center in a D.R.5.5 zone, in accordance with Section 1B01.1.C.(6a) of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (BCZR), and a variance from R.T.A. standards in accordance with Section 1B01.1.B.c(2) of the BCZR. Variance relief is also requested from Sections 1B01.2.C.1.A and 102.2 of the BCZR to allow a building to building setback of no less than 15 ft., in lieu of the required 60 ft., in certain portions of the property, and no less than 30 ft. in lieu of the required 40 ft. in other parts of the site. All of the relief requested is more particularly shown on Petitioner's Exhibit No. 1, the site plan to accompany the Petitions for Special Exception and Variance.

Appearing at the requisite public hearing held for this case was Fran Boyer on behalf of the Board. Also present was Robert S. Rosenfelt, P.E., of Colbert, Matz, Rosenfelt, Inc., the engineers who prepared the site

plan. Thomas Kerns, an Architect who prepared many of the elevation drawings also appeared and testified. The Petitioner was represented by Duncan Cornell, Esquire. There were no Protestants or other interested persons

Testimony and evidence offered on behalf of the Petitioner was that the subject site is approximately 18.8055 acres in area and is zoned D.R.5.5. The property lies at the end of Gaither Road, not far from Liberty Road, (Md. Route 26) and its junction with the Baltimore Beltway (I-695).

Apparently, the site has been owned by the Board for many years. The property was developed in the early 1960s to provide a facility for neglected, abused and homeless children. Six separate cottages were originally constructed for this purpose. The laudable history and mission of the Board of Child Care is well set forth in the opinion of Zoning Commissioner, J. Robert Haines, issued on May 19, 1989. At that time, Commissioner Haines, pursuant to a Petition for Special Hearing, found that the subject facility was a legal nonconforming use as a community building devoted to civic, social, recreational and educational purposes. The Petition for Special Exception was also granted at that time for a community care center.

The history of the facility was also testified to by Fran Boyer at the hearing before me. Ms. Boyer indicated that of the six cottages constructed, five housed children on a long term basis and one on a short term basis. The children who utilized the facility ranged between the ages of 10 to 18 years and approximately 14 children are housed in each cottage. The children are referred by the Department of Social Services to the Methodist Home. During their residence, counseling and psychiatric services are provided with a goal assisting children in need and re-unification of fami-

In an effort to upgrade the facility, certain improvements are proposed to the site. These improvements were testified to by Robert Rosenfelt, the engineer who prepared the site plan. Mr. Rosenfelt indicated that a number of improvements are proposed. The existing gymnasium facility will be enlarged and a minor addition will also be added to the existing multi-purpose building. The major improvement will be a new administration building constructed at the end of a cul-de-sac on the driveway which enters the property from Gaither Road. This new administration building will allow the existing administrative offices to be re-located from other portions of the site and conversion of those spaces into classrooms Moreover, two temporary trailers are proposed until such time as the permanent construction is completed. Porches are also being enlarged on the

Mr. Rosenfelt also testified as to the specific relief requested within the Petitions. As to the Petition for Special Exception, he addressed each of the standards set forth in Section 502.1 of the BCZR and opined that the proposed use satisfied that criteria. In his opinion, the continued use and proposed improvements of the site will not be detrimental to the surrounding locale. He also noted that the R.T.A. standards from which a waiver is sought is generated by the athletic fields on the southern portion of the property. That is, most of the buildings are clustered on the north central portion of the site and a large open area to the south of the property is used for soccer/football fields, baseball/softball fields and tennis/basketball courts. The R.T.A. standard is generated by this use and not any specific building. It is clear that the buildings, themselves, are more than adequately buffered from surrounding properties. As to the variances, these are requested so as to cluster the buildings in a central location. Mr. Rosenfelt indicated that a campus-like atmosphere needs to

be maintained and that strict adherence to the setback distances, as required by the BCZR, would disrupt the traffic pattern and architectural flow of the site. These comments were echoed by Mr. Kerns, who has prepared the site plans for the proposed improvements. He noted that the proposed buildings will be one story in height and will be compatible with the residential character of the cottages and campus. He desires to create a pedestrian style campus and retain much of the existing landscaping. In his view, the proposed additions are entirely appropriate and consistent with the present use of the site.

Based upon the testimony and evidence offered, I am persuaded that the Petition for Special Exception and Variance should be granted. This is surely a case of a needed facility which fits in well with the surrounding locale. The long history of the use of this site by the Board of Child Care and the absence of Protestants at the hearing before me attest to the quality of the operation of this facility. As to the special exception, it is clear that there will be no detrimental impact to the surrounding locale. It is to be noted that although the building area on the property will be incidental, the number of children will not increase, and the nature of the use of the site will not change. The Petition for Variance are also warranted in view of the uniqueness of the property, the desire to preserve open space and concentrate the physical plant/campus in the center

A final note is also in order about the Zoning Plans Advisory Committee (ZAC) comments which have been submitted. One comment in particular is of note which was received from Developers Engineering Division. That agency suggests that a 50 ft. right of way from Montford Road must be extended to the western property line of the site and that the right of way shall be constructed at no cost to the County. Testimony from Mr.

Rosenfelt on this issue was enlightening. He indicated that the Board presently owns an adjacent tract and is under contract to purchase another adjacent property. Ultimately, if these tracks are acquired, the Petitioner's land holdings will be increased and the use may be expanded. In fact, it appears that the Petitioner has presently instituted a proceeding through the development process in order to obtain approval for these pro-

posed acquisitions and further development.

The future of Montford Road appears to be an issue which should be resolved in the context of those development plan hearings. Apparently, many members of the surrounding residential community do not wish Montford Road to be extended. No one from the Department of Public Works/Developers Engineering Section appeared at the hearing before me to explain the rationale for the ZAC comment. Under the circumstances, I will defer this issue until the development plan comes before this office. The approval granted herein shall not be construed to, either provide an exception to, or mandate compliance with, the ZAC comment. Quite simply, this is an issue for another day when testimony from all interested persons can be received and evaluated.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on these Petitions held, and for the reasons given above, the relief requested should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore Coun-97 day of August, 1995 that, pursuant to the Petition for Special Exception, approval for a community care center in a D.R.5.5 zone, in accordance with Section 1801.1.C(6a) of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (BCZR), and a variance from R.T.A. standards in accordance with Section 1B01.1.B.c(2) of the BCZR, be and is hereby GRANTED; and,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a variance from Sections 1B01.2.C.1.A and 102.2 of the BCZR to allow a building to building setback of no less than 15 ft., in lieu of the required 60 ft., in certain portions of the property, and no less than 30 ft., in lieu of the required 40 ft. in other parts of the site, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject, however, to the following

> 1. The Petitioner is hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at its own risk until such time as the 30 day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the Petitioner would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition.

Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning

Suite 112 Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

residential cottages.

(410) 887-4386

August 8, 1995

Duncan Cornell, Esquire 408 Allegheny Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

> RE: Petitions for Special Exception and Variance Case No. 95-479-XA Property: 3300 Gaither Road Board of Child Care of the Balto./Wash. Conference of the United Methodist Church, Inc., Petitioner

Dear Mr. Cornell:

Enclosed please find the decision rendered on the above captioned case. The Petitions for Special Exception and Zoning Variance have been granted, with restriction, in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event the decision rendered is unfavorable to any party, please be advised that any party may file an appeal within thirty (30) days of the date of the Order to the County Board of Appeals. If you require additional information concerning filing an appeal, please feel free to contact our Appeals Clerk at 887-3353.

> awrence E. Schmidt Zoning Commissioner

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cc: Ms. Fran Boyer, Board of Child Care

Petition for Special Exception

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County for the property located at 3300 GAITHER ROAD

which is presently zoned DR 5.5 This Petition shall be filed with the Office of Zoning Administration & Development Management. The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached

hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Special Exception under the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to use the A COMMUNITY CARE CENTER IN A DR 5.5 ZONE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH

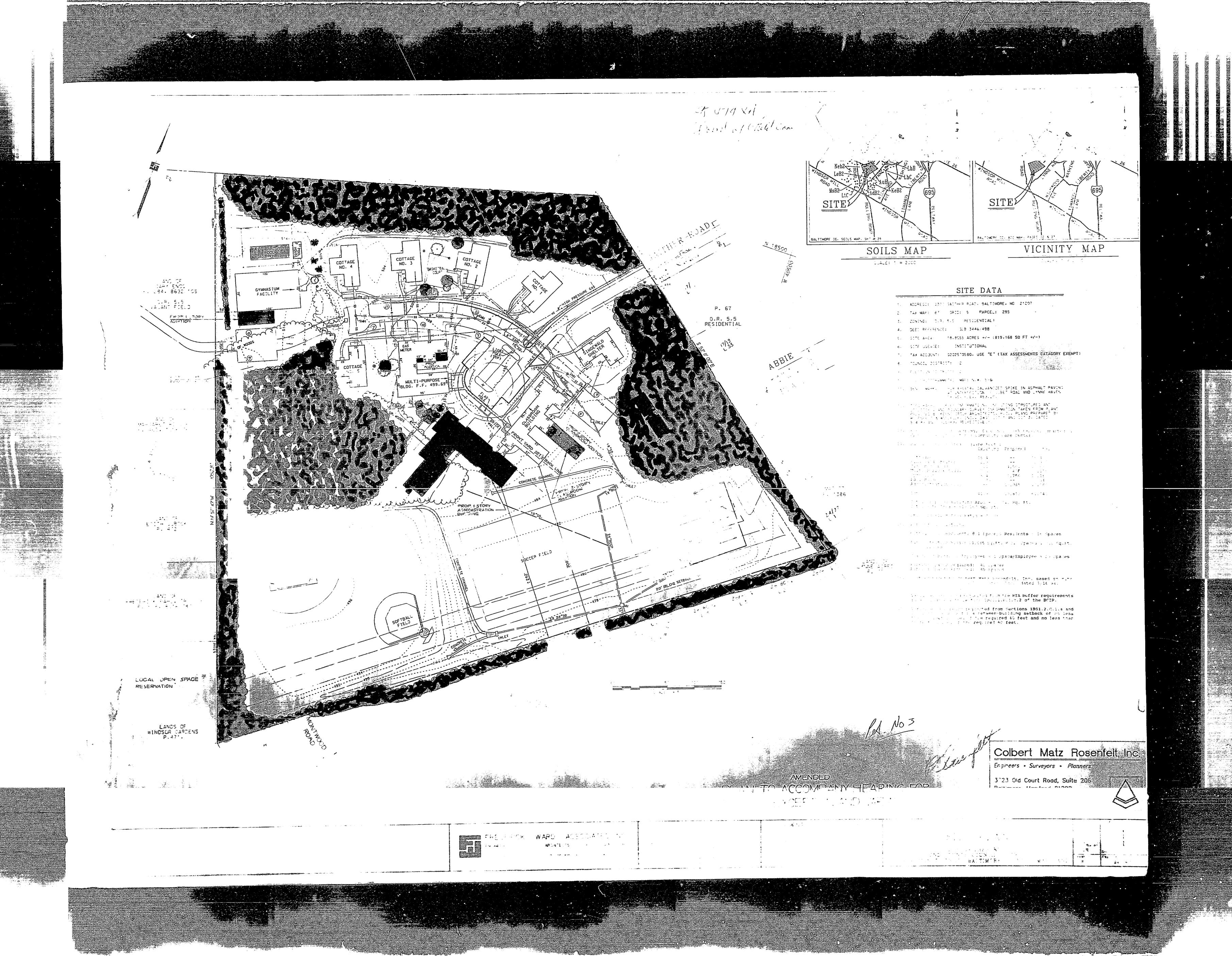
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Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations. I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Special Exception advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County
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of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the Zoning Law of Baltimore County; for the following reasons: (indicate hardship or NEW BUILDING MUST FIT IN AVAILABLE SPACE IN RELATION TO EXISTING BUILDINGS AND EXISTING ATHLETIC FACILITIES.

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations. I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County.

	I/We do solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that I/we are the legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this Febbon.		
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July 18, 1995

Duncan Cornell, Esquire 408 Allegheny Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Item No.: 470 Case No.: 95-479-XA Petitioner: Board of Child Care of The Baltimore-Washington Conference of The United-Methodist Church, Inc.

Dear Mr. Cornell:

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC), which consists of representatives from Baltimore County approval agencies, has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition, which was accepted for processing by Permits and Development Management (PDM), Zoning Review, on June 20, 1995.

Any comments submitted thus far from the members of ZAC that offer or request information on your petition are attached. These comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties (zoning commissioner, attorney, petitioner, etc.) are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case. Only those comments that are informative will be forwarded to you; those that are not informative will be placed in the permanent case file.

If you need further information or have any questions regarding these comments, please do not hesitate to contact the commenting agency or Joyce Watson in the zoning office (887-3391).

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director DATE: July 11, 1995 Zoning Administration and Development Management FROM: Whobert W. Bowling, P.E., Chief TL:velopment Plans Review

RE: Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting for July 10, 1995 Item No. 470

The Development Plans Review Division has reviewed the subject zoning item. The 50-foot right-of-way for Montford Road must be extended to the western property line. This right-of-way shall be constructed at no cost to the

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

Arnold Jablon, Director Zoning Administration and Development Management

DATE: July 12, 1995

Pat Keller, Director Office of Planning and Zoning

Petitions from Zoning Advisory Committee

The Office of Planning and Zoning has no comments on the following petition(s): Item Nos. 450, 470 and 472

If there should be any further questions or if this office can provide additional information, please contact Jeffrey Long in the Office of Planning at 887-3480.

ITEM450/PZONE/ZAC1

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

Development Coordination

Zoning Advisory Committee

The Department of Environmental Protection & Resource Management has no comments for the following Zoning Advisory Committee Items:

Item #'s: 420 472

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Baltimore County Government Fire Department

700 East Joppa Road Suite 901

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(410) 887-4500

DATE: 07/03/95

Zoning Agenda: SPECIAL EXCEPTION/VARIANCE

Arnold Jablon Director Zoning Administration and Development Management Baltimore County Office Building Towson. MD 21204

Towson, MD 21286-5500

RE: Property Owner: BOARD OF CHILD CARE OF THE BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH INC. LOCATION: CENTERLINE GAITHER RD.,413' SWIV SUBIT RD.(3300 GAITHER RD.)

Gentlemen:

Item No.: 470

MAIL STOP-1105

Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this Bureau and the comments below are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property.

4. The site shall be made to comply with all applicable parts of the Fire Prevention Code prior to occupancy or beginning of operation.

5. The buildings and structures existing or proposed on the site shall comply with all applicable requirements of the National Fire Protection Association Standard No. 101 "Life Safety Code", 1991 edition prior to occupancy.

REVIEWER: LT. ROBERT P. SAUERWALD Fire Marshal Office, PHONE 987-4881, MS-1102F

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PETITION PROBLEMS AGENDA OF JULY 3, 1995

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#470 -- CAM

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#472 --- MJK

Need printed or typed title for person signing for legal owner. Need power of attorney for person signing for legal owner. Need printed or typed title for person signing for contract purchaser. Need power of attorney for person signing for contract purchaser.

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#475 — JRA

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#476 --- JLL

1. Need power of attorney for person signing for contract purchaser.

RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION * PETITION FOR VARIANCE 3300 Gaither Road, c/i Gaither Rd, 413' * SWly Subit Road, 2nd Election District,

2nd Councilmanic Board of Child Care of Balto.-Washington * Conference of the United Methodist Church, Inc.

Petitioners

ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

Please enter the appearance of the People's Counsel in the abovecaptioned matter. Notice should be sent of any hearing dates or other proceedings in this matter and of the passage of any preliminary or final Order.

> Poter Nax Tinneman PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN People's Counsel for Baltimore County

ZONING COMMISSIONER

OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

CASE NO. 95-479-XA

CAROLE S. DEMILIO Deputy People's Counsel Room 47. Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204 (410) 887-2188

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 31st day of July, 1995, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Duncan Cornell, Esquire, 408 Allegheny Avenue, Towson, MD 21204, attorney for Petitioners.

Reter Max Tinnenen

Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner
Office of Planning and Zoning

August 1, 1995

(410) 887-4386

Suite 112 Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

Honorable Delores G. Kelley Senator, 10th Legislative District 6660 Security Boulevard, Suite 10 Baltimore, Maryland 21207

> Re: Case No. 95-479-XA Board of Child Care

Dear Senator Kelley:

Thank you for your letter of July 6, 1995.

On July 25, 1995, I conducted a hearing on Petitions for Special Exception and Variance for the property located at 3300 Gaither Road. These Petitions were filed by the Board of Child Care of Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church, Inc. Testimony and evidence taken at that hearing disclosed that the Petitions related to property owned by the Board of Child Care since the early 1960s. The parcel of land involved is approximately 19 acres in area and is located at the end of Gaither Road not far from the interchange of I-695 and Liberty Road.

The Petitioner's plans submitted at that hearing showed that the site has been developed for many years with six residential cottages. These cottages provide residential facilities for abused and neglected children. Further testimony offered was that counseling and psychological services are available on site with the goal of unifying these children with their natural family.

The matter came before me because of the Board's plan to construct an administrative building and to make other improvements to several of the existing structures on site. Both the plan and testimony indicated that no additional residential cottages were proposed. The number of children residing on site would not be increased from the capacity previously established when the facility was founded over 30 years ago. Moreover, no one appeared in opposition to the Petitioner's plans to construct the new administration building and other improvements.

Honorable Delores G. Kelley Senator, 10th Legislative District 6660 Security Boulevard, Suite 10 Baltimore, Maryland 21207

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Ms. Joyce Watson

Dear Ms. Watson:

Administration project.

Room 109

Zoning Administration and

Development Management County Office Building

111 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

Based on the testimony, evidence and plan offered in this case, there appears no cause for your concern over "the installation of back to back group housing developments."

Perhaps your concerns arise from the Board's possible acquisition of adjacent properties. During the hearing before me, it was indicated that the Board was contemplating acquiring two additional parcels which are located adjacent to the subject site. If these parcels are ultimately acquired and development is contemplated, the Board would be required to submit to the development review procedures of Baltimore County. These procedures include a requirement that a community input meeting be conducted. This meeting would be held within the subject community, during eveming hours, allowing all affected residents and interested parties to question the plan and record any objections thereto. Following that meeting, the matter would be scheduled for a public hearing before the Zoning Commissioner, wherein approval of the plan would be considered. The development process encourages community participation at all stages so that the plan can be fairly considered. As I indicated at the July 25, 1995 hearing to all present, any decision rendered in that case would relate only to the subject request and that questions regarding the adjacent parcels were not, as yet, properly before me.

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me regarding this matter.

> Very truly yours, Lawrence E. Schmidt Zoning Commissioner

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Administrator

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Re: Baltimore County

Engineering Access Permits

This office has reviewed the referenced item and we have no objection to

Please contact Bob Small at 410-333-1350 if you have any questions.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this item.

approval as it does not access a State roadway and is not effected by any State Highway

SENATOR DELORES G. KELLEY TOTH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS COMMITTEE CHAIR, JOINT COMMITTEE ON CHAIR, LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE. WOMEN LEGISLATORS OF MARYLAND

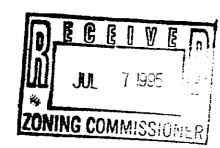


SENATE OF MARYLAND

Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991

July 6, 1995

Mr. Larry Schmidt, Commissioner Office of Zoning Old Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204



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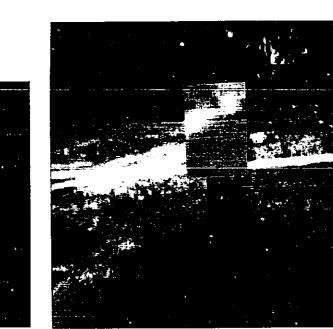
Dear Mr. Schmidt:

I would like to express my concern with the installation of back-to-back group housing developments in District Ten. A specific example involves the Board of Child Care's plans to install a development consisting of seven cottages on Rolling Road. I support the Board's idea of providing homes for the teenagers, but am concerned with the concentration of these homes in one location.

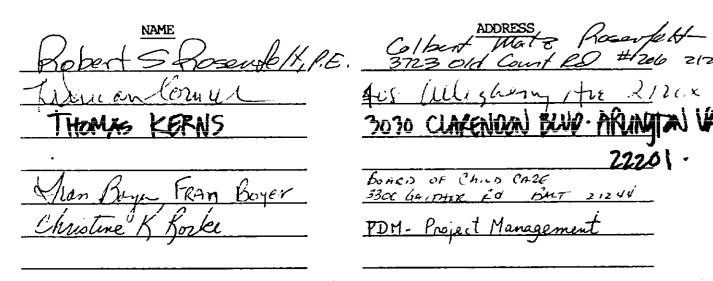
If each of the seven proposed cottages were to house no more than three children, each legally separated from natural parents and devoid of a stable family, the aggregate results would be twenty-one special-needs children, introduced en mass to a new neighborhood and to a living arrangement under the supervision of rotating shifts of hired staff persons.

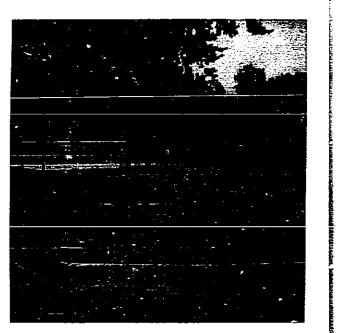
Each of these children would need to adjust to at least three daily sets of supervisors (a situation full of discontinuity and checks lacking the stability of even foster care), while at the same time needing to adjust to a neighborhood with schools already stressed and significantly over capacity.

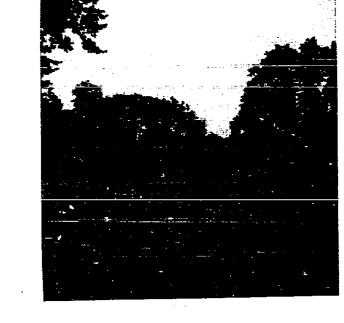
The proposed living situations are the equivalent of mini-institutions, not regular home environments, and the over-concentration of such entities on one in the Hebbeville community is sure to have a devastating impact upon the character of the neighborhood.

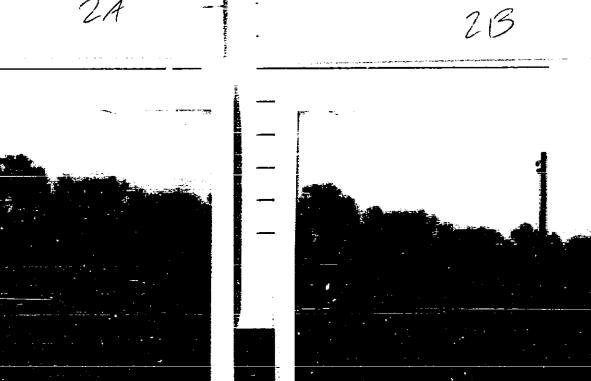


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Kelley, page 2

The proposal before you involves institutional living, not a home environment for the targeted population of children. Nothing, including creative use of definitions, can change that fact.

In light of all these considerations, I respectfully request that this project, if permitted at all, be reduced in scope so as not to overwhelm this small community, which has already absorbed a dormitory full of special-needs children also under the same institutional sponsorship.

Sincerely,

IN RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL HEARING AND SPECIAL EXCEPTION End/Gaither Rd. 413.13'SW c/l Sublet Rd. (3300 Gaither Rd.) 2nd Election District 2nd Councilmanic District

* ZONING COMMISSIONER * OF BALTIMORE COUNTY * CASE = 89-356-SPHI

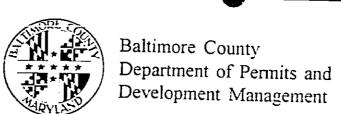
Board of Child Care of the Balto. Annual Conference of the Methodist Church, Inc. Petitioner

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Petitioner herein requested, pursuant to a Special Hearing, approval of a nonconforming use and the following additions to existing improvements at the Board of Child Care facility at 3300 Gaither Road and a Special Exception to use the herein described property for a Community Care Center and/or Community Building for existing improvements and additions, as more particularly described on Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

The Petitioner, represented by Duncan Cornell, Esquire, law Offices of Hooper, Kiefer and Cornell, appeared and testified. The Petitioner was supported in its testimony by Mr. Rosenfelt, a professional engineer, and Ms. Judith Rabb of Rosenfelt and Woolfolk, Inc., Mr. Claude Libis and Ms. Jeanne Dewey. There were no Protestants.

The evidence and testimony, all of which was uncontradicted, tends to establish that the subject property consists of approximately 21 acres of ground situated west of Liberty Moad and north of the Baltimore Seltway in the greater Milford Mill section of Baltimore County. The property is located at the end of Gaither Road and is depicted on Petitioner's Exhibit 1. The property is currently zoned D.R.5.5 and is improved with six (6) cottages, a gymnasium, and various ancillary recreational facilities.



Development Processing County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

January 17, 1996

Judith M. Floam Colbert Matz Rosenfelt, Inc. 3723 Old Court Road Suite 206 Baltimore, MD 21208

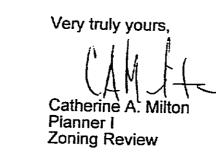
> RE: Spirit and Intent Board of Child Care Gaither Road Facility Zoning Case #95-479-XA 2nd Election District

Dear Ms. Floam:

Mr. Schmidt and I reviewed the site plan enclosed with your letter dated December 28, 1995. It was determined that this plan is within the spirit and intent of the zoning order #95-479-XA. However, before this plan can be approved for submittal into the zoning file, some minor changes must be incorporated onto the plan.

I gave a copy of the check print to Mr. Matz on January 16, 1996. Please submit one revised copy to me with the check print. Enclosed please find your \$40.00 check, as it was determined it was not needed.

I trust that the information set forth in this letter is sufficiently detailed and responsive to the request. If you need further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (410) 887-3391.



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December 28, 1995

Mr. Arnold Jablon, Director Permits and Development Mgmt. Baltimore County 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

Re: Board of Child Care, Gaither Road Facility Case No. 95-479-XA, "Spirit and Intent" Request Job No. 95086.1

Dear Mr. Jablon,

In July 1995, a hearing was held and on August 9, 1995, a Zoning Order was issued in the above-referenced case. The Order approved a Special Exception for a community care facility in a D.R.-5.5 zone, a variance from R.T.A. standards, and two building setback variances to permit the expansion of the existing facility of the Board of Child Care. The enclosed plan entitled "Amended Plan to Accompany Hearing for Special Exception and Variances" is the site plan approved in Case No. 45-479-XA. Kate Milton reviewed the petition plat in that zoning case.

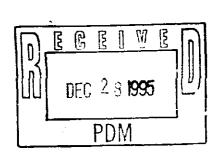
Subsequent to the Hearing and Zoning Order, the Board of Child Care revised its expansion plans. The enclosed plan entitled "Preliminary Site Plan" shows the revised building configurations. This plan was submitted to the Development Review Committee, which approved it as a Limited Exemption on December 26, 1995.

We hereby request approval of this plan as being within the spirit and intent of the Order in Case No. 45-479-XA. There are no additional encroachments on the R.T.A. buffers and setbacks. The between-building setbacks are within the approved variances: a 15foot setback was approved between the Classroom and Administration buildings and the proposed setback is ± 27 feet; a 30-foot setback was approved between the Multi-purpose and Administration buildings and the proposed setback is 35 feet. The proposed addition at the rear of the Multi-purpose building is \pm 42 feet from the residential Cottage No. 5, and the required rear setback is 30 feet.

We look forward to your approval of this request.

Yours truly, Judith M. Haam Judith M. Floam

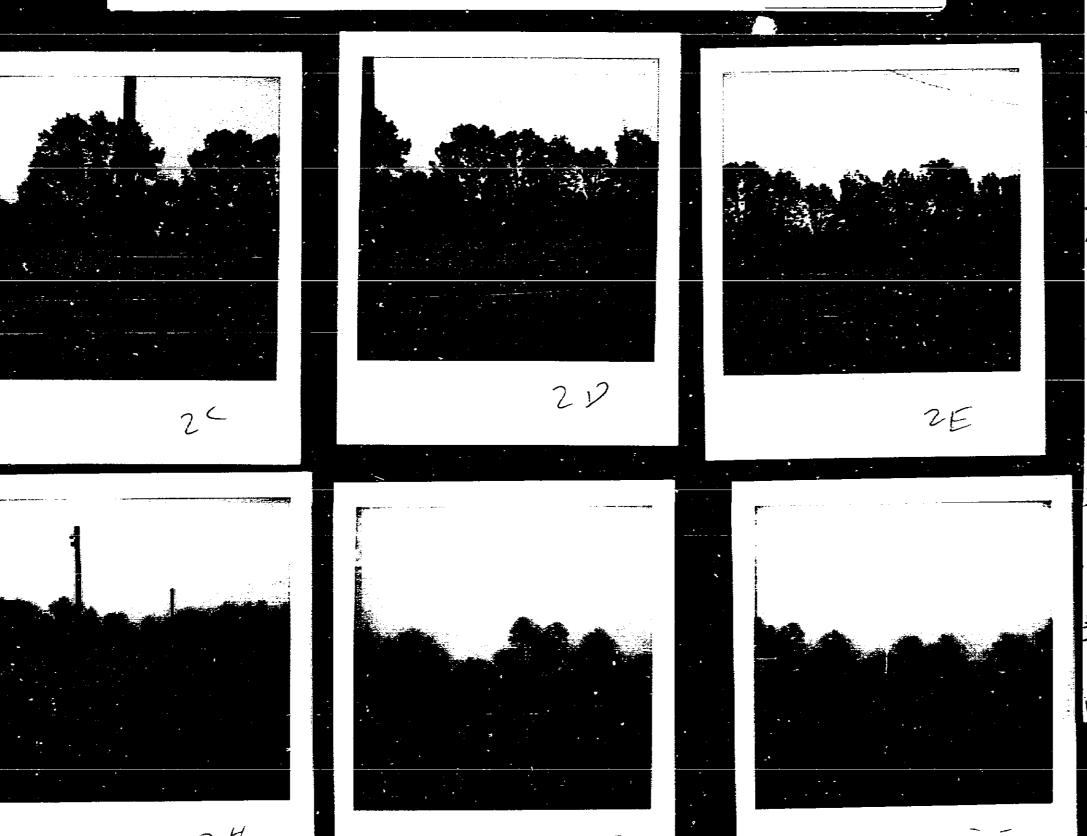
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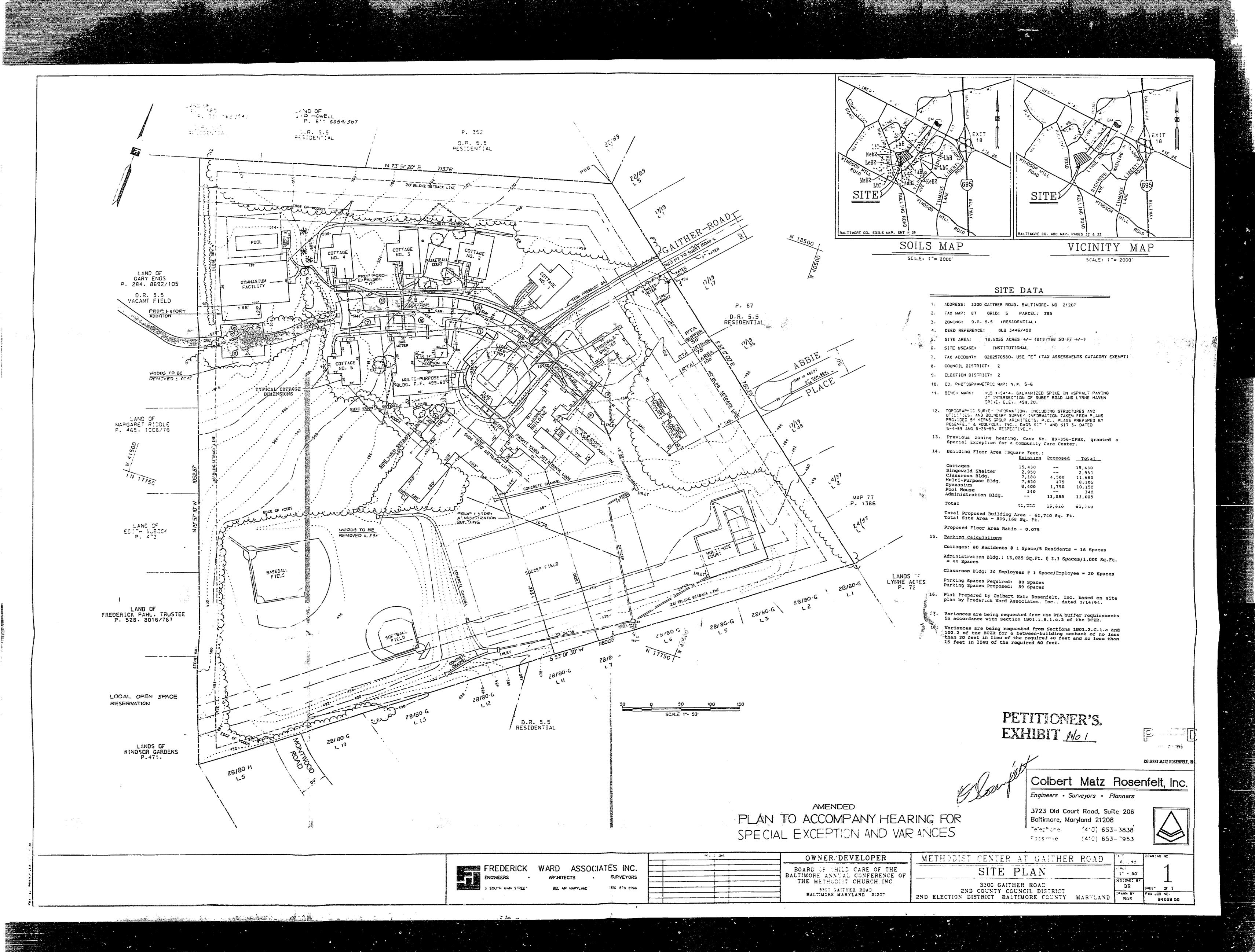
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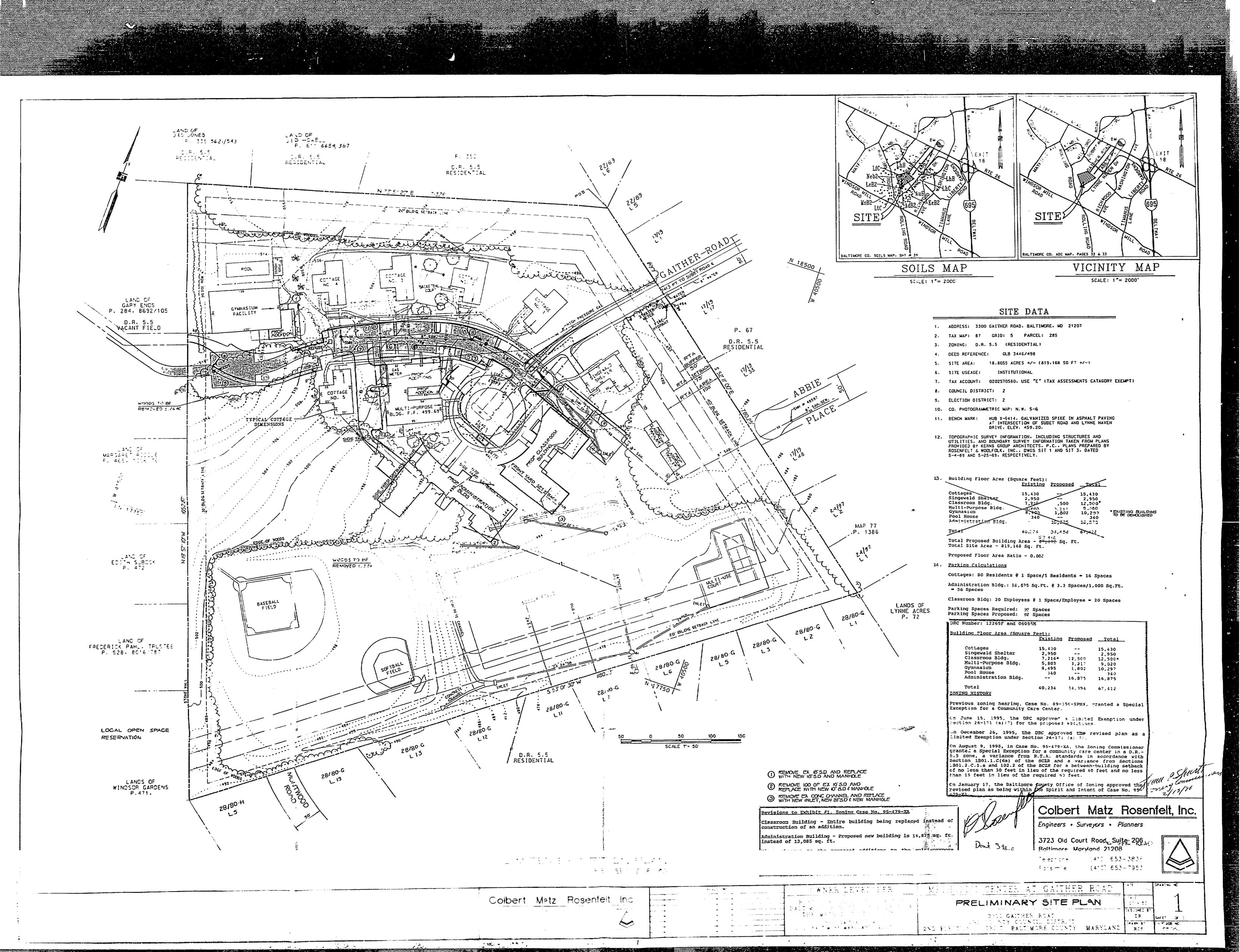
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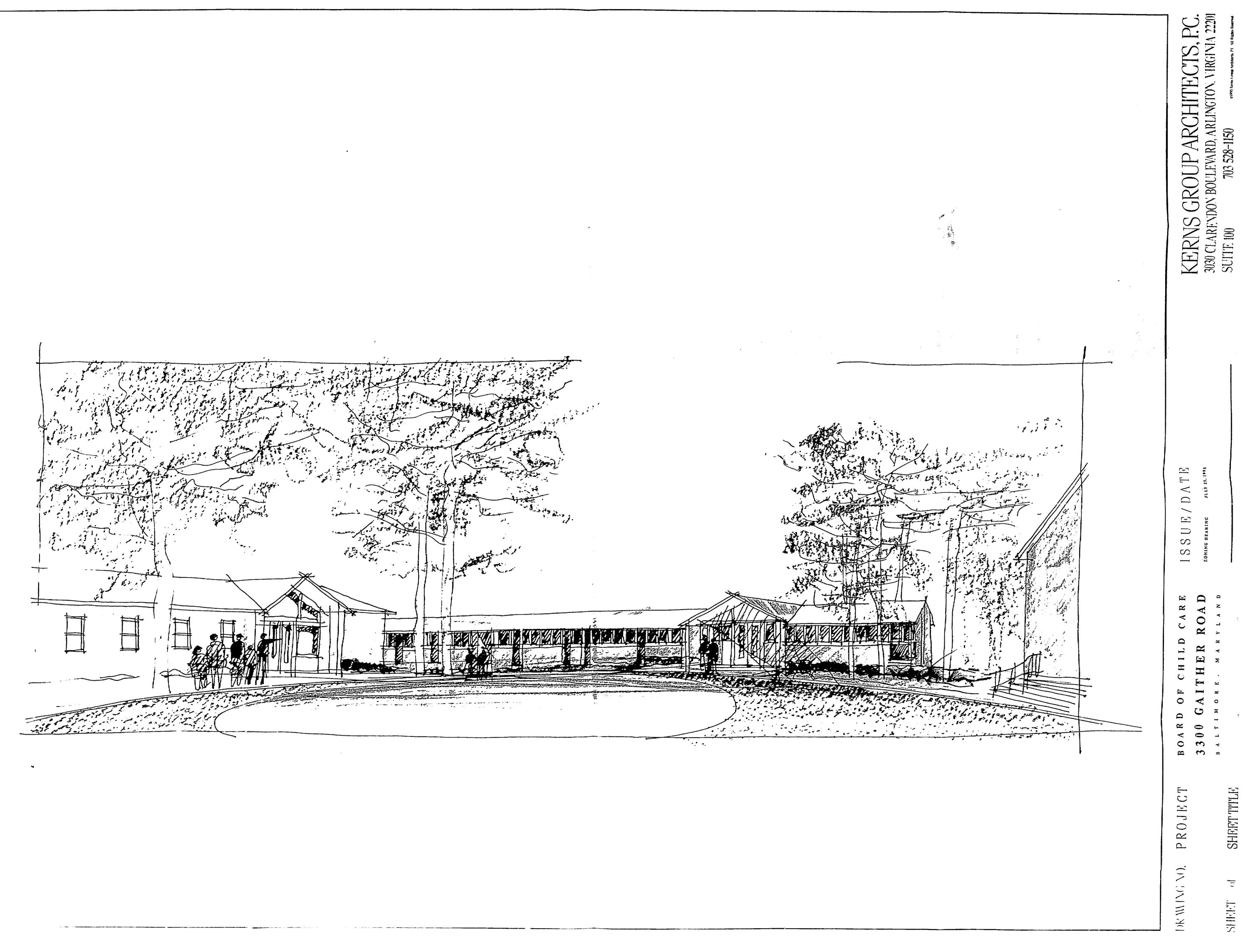
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